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THE FOURTH LEXINGTON IN U. S. NAVY

The U. S. S. Lexington, aircraft carrier, is the fourth vessel so called. She was originally designed for a battle cruiser but work was ordered suspended, February 8, 1922, upon the signing of the treaty limiting naval armament.

This vessel was authorized to be converted to an aircraft carrier by act of Congress dated July 1, 1922, in accordance with the terms of the above treaty, and on July 13, 1922, resumption of work was authorized on such parts of the vessel as were common to the plans of the battle cruiser and the proposed plans for the conversion to an aircraft carrier.

The first vessel named Lexington was a brig of 16 guns, purchased and fitted out at Philadelphia under authority of an act of the Continental Congress, dated October 13, 1775. She was named in commemoration of the first battle in the Revolutionary War and is said to have been the first Continental vessel ready for sea. However, she was prevented by ice from leaving the river until March, 1776. On April 6, 1776, commanded by Captain John Barry, she captured the armed sloop Edward, tender to H. B. M. S. Liverpool, and in August of the same year captured several other British vessels.

While in command of Capt. Wm. Hallock, returning from the West Indies the LEXINGTON was captured by H. B. M. S. PEARL; her crew was not removed and they recaptured the vessel, carrying her into Baltimore, Md., where she was refitted. Under command of Capt. Lambert Wickes in 1777, she sailed for European

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WHITE E NEWS

The inertia of two years efficient operation, combined with the interested cooperation of all hands and the maintainance of the same high standards, enabled the ARIZONA to turn in a score at the end of the month of July of 112.37. It is a good indication that there is no slackness below decks, and that our future prospects are rosy.

The white E score for 1926 — 27 was 112.639. Although our allowances have been cut at low and high speeds, we are given a little more at cruising speeds this year. There is no reason to anticipate a lower final merit for 27 — 28 than we had last year.

However, there is no doubt that the race will be much closer this year. The New Mex., Colorado, and Mississippi are all fighting hard to climb back on top of the pile. No ship has ever won three white E's, so they are figuring on painting stacks next July. The hardest part of the fight for all ships will be the Full Power, Smoke Prevention, and Endurance Runs, to be held September 2-3, on our way from San Francisco to San Pedro.

When the smoke clears away, it won't be hard to see whos who. The Engineers say it will be the At-em ship, and they ought to know.

OUR CRUISERS AND OTHER'S

The general trend of thought in the recent Geneva Arms Parley was toward reduction of cruiser strength. But at the same time each of three participants was going ahead with a definite cruiser building program. At the present time, Great Britian has under construction eleven ten-thousand ton "glorified destroyers." Appropriations have been passed for two more, the keels of which will be laid this year. Japan is building four with all preparations completed for the

GUNNERY DOPE

We are now starting a new gunnery year which is going to be a corker. After we come back from Puget Sound to Pedro, the old grind starts and practices come on top of each other. The practices are as follows:
PRACTICE WEEK BEGINNING
Short Range Battle..... 3 October.
Battle Torpedo Practice..... 7 November.
Night Battle "B"..... 5 December.
Anti Aircraft "B"..... 12 December
Night Battle "A" (Miss.&Ariz.) 2 Jan.
Long Range Battle.(Colo. & Ariz.) 12
Force Battle— March.

All these we must shoot before going into the navy yard sometime in January with perhaps a spotting practice or two for good measure. That means lots of work and lots of observing.

We did not do so hot last year but its our time to hit 'em now. With good luck and hard work we shall paint "E's" all over the guns and have some extra cash besides. There's a gadget on the bulletin board that shows how much each practice counts.

"Lets buck 'em for a loop."

construction of four more. In this country, two new cruisers are nearing completion, while contracts have been let for six.

The names assigned to our new ships are the Pensacola and Salt Lake City. The six contract vessels are known as No. 26 and 31. These will mount nine eight inch guns, with a speed of 32.5 knots. It will probably be 1930 before any of the ships are put in commission. No. 29, 30 and 31 will be fitted as flagships of cruiser divisions and destroyer squadrons.

The contracts have been awarded as follows:—

Scout Cruiser No. 26 to Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation, Quincy, Mass. Scout Cruiser No. 27 to the

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AT 'EM ARIZONA

A ship's paper for the dissemination of helpful information aboard the U. S. S. ARIZONA. Published with the consent of the Commanding Officer, Captain W. T. Tarrant, U. S. Navy.

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DEAD MAN'S ISLAND GOING

Dead Man's Island, haven and refuge of the sharpshooting Sea Gulls, coxswains' bane in foggy weather, and historic spot, is due to go and may be only a memory when the Fleet steams into the harbor next week.

U. S. Army Engineers have accepted bids for the removal of rock and dirt, which will be used to fill the 62 acres in the outer harbor district. The cost of removing the Island will be approximately one million dollars, but rumors that the cost will be met by raising the price of hot dogs on the dock are unfounded.

The new channel will be about 1000 feet wide when that is accomplished and will certainly be an aid to shipping and a boost to local real estate values.

—Pennsy Keystone.

'39: What's a burlesque, Daddy?

'16: A take-off, son.

'39: Take off what Daddy?

'16: Son hadn't you better read your geography again?

—Oregon Orange Owl.

Fair maid: "Oh, sir, what kind of an officer are you?"

Officer: "I'm a naval surgeon."

Fair Maid: "Goodness! How you doctors do specialize!"—The Fixit.

"A man who can't express himself so that people understand him is an idiot. Do you understand me?"

"No!" —Stockholm.

Tom: "The world is round, isn't it?"

Bob: "Yes."

Tom: "Then if I wanted to go east, I could eventually get there by going west."

Bob: "What are you, a taxi driver?"

—Exchange.

LET 'ER GO, BENNIE!

(Associated Press)

Lieutenant Commander Roy C. Smith, Jr., of Newport, Rhode Island, stood on the bridge of the United States Destroyer Noa, anchored in the Yangtze river off Nanking and watched for signals from Socony Hill, where a large group of American refugees had been trapped by the Cantonese. With him on the bridge stood Lieutenant "Bennie" Staub, U. S. N., of Pittsburgh, executive officer on the Noa.

A flash of white appeared on Socony Hill. The American bluejackets were wigwagging for shellfire. The Noa's guns were trained around the base of the hill. Lieutenant Commander Smith knew that to open fire might mean lots of things in the world of international affairs. Sometimes it means long-standing controversies. Sometimes it means war. But, on this particular occasion, the Skipper also knew that it meant life for the Americans imprisoned on Socony Hill and that failure to fire might mean death for the entire party.

A signalman repeated the request. The Skipper made up his mind. To his executive officer he said with a sailor's characteristic humor:

"Well, I'll either get a court-martial or a medal for this. Let 'er go, Bennie!"

Whether Commander Smith gets a medal or not probably does not worry him much. He ought to be sure by this time, however, that there isn't going to be any court-martial.

Florida Gator.

Cop: "Hey! stop kicking that lamp post! What's the big idia?"

Stew: (kicking post again): "I know she's home, 'cause there's a (hic) light upstairs."

—The Leatherneck.

THOSE HARD-CHESTED MARINES

A girl who likes the uniform

Is Sarah Jane McFleckin;

But she says buttons hurt her chest

When she goes leatherneckin'.

—Training Station News.

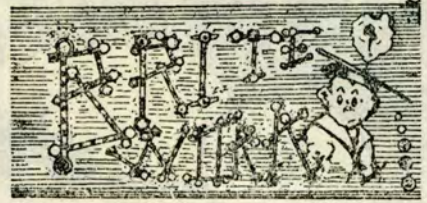
NOTICE NOTICE

All men wishing to contribute toward the construction of a home for retired working girls, may do so thru the below named men:

Phm 1/c Green,

Phm 3/c O'neil.

R. W. G. L. Representatives.



The proper ending for a checkered career is a striped suit.

A good many girls who paint draw men.

Most enthusiasm is possessed by those who wish to boss the job.

There's a pleasure in being cranky that only a crank can know.

A kiss in time saves nine miles walk.

Home is a place where you have your mail sent.

In these days the amount of material a girl requires for a dress is immaterial.

Still water runs deep, but those who fish for compliments always prefer shallow water.

The trouble seems to be that there isn't room in a driver for both horse sense and white mule.

When a man is ashamed to show his colors, it's a pretty good sign he is yellow.

Some people's prospects are so fine that it is almost impossible to fine them.

It is usually the girl who never had a proposal who boast of having jilted a number of men.

Another of life's tragedies is a girl whose legs are as thin as the hoisery she buys.

It's getting harder to tell the boys and girls apart and sometimes you can't when they're together.

It may be more blessed to give than to receive, but the average man is satisfied to hold his own.

Gambling is not as dangerous as is used to be. When a girl sits in a game of strip-poker nowadays she can't lose very much.

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waters, where, from April to June, she harassed British commerce in the English Channel and on the coast of France. In September, 1777, under the command of Capt. H. Johnson, she was captured off Ushant, France, by H. B. M. S. ALBERT after an engagement of 3 ½ hours.

The second vessel named LEXINGTON was a sloop of war, 691 tons, carrying 18 guns, built at the navy yard, New York, in 1825. She cruised on special service from Labrador to Trinidad in 1827, and was converted into a store ship in 1844. In the Mexican War, 1846 to 1848, she was used for transporting troops and on blockading duty. From 1853 to 1855 she was used as a store ship of Commodore Perry's expedition to Japan and 1855 was sold.

The third vessel named LEXINGTON was a sidewheel iron-clad steamer of 500 tons, carrying 7 guns, built at Pittsburgh, P., in 1860. She was purchased by the Army and transferred to the Navy in June 1861. She rendered valuable service in the Civil War, 1861-1863, on western rivers and took prominent part in engagements of western Flotilla under flag officers, A. H. Foote and C. H. Davis. She was sold on August 17, 1865.

SEA FEVER

John Masefield

I must go down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and the sky,
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by;
And the wheel's kick and the wind's song and the white sail's shaking,
And the grey mist on the sea's face and a grey dawn breaking.
I must go down to the seas again, for the call of the running tide.
Is a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied;
And all I ask is a windy day with the white clouds flying;
And the flung spray and the blown spume, and the sea-gulls crying.
I must go down to the seas again, to the vagrant gipsy life,
'To the gull's way and the whale's way where the wind's like a whetted knife;
And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow-rover,
And quite sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's over.

TOTAL QUOTA OF ENLISTED MEN PASS EXAM. FOR ACADEMY

One hundred and two enlisted men passed the regular entrance examination appointment to the Academy, the first time since the authorization of the service appointments that the quota has been exceeded. But as two of the candidates have been given Congressional appointments, all who pass the physical examination will be assured of appointment. The candidates have all passed a preliminary physical examination, but it is not probable that all will be successful in the final test.

There is at the present an opening on the ARIZONA for men desiring to try for next year's class. Previous schooling should go as far as third year High School. Men who meet the requirements will be sent to the Preparatory School, San Diego. Ensign Howe, Junior Officer of the Third Division, has been assigned as one of the instructors there. School will start about the first of October, and the exams will be held in April.

OUR CRUISERS AND OTHERS

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American Brown Boveri Co. (Formerly the New York Shipbuilding Corporation) Camden, N. J. Scout Cruiser No. 28 to Navy Yard Puget Sound. Scout Cruiser No. 29 to Navy Yard, Mare Island, Scout Cruiser No. 30 and 31 to the Newport News Shipbuilding and drydock Co., Newport News, Va.

O. O. D.: Tie up to the starboard yard arm, Cox'n.

Cox'n.: Aye, Aye, sir.

O. O. D. (After boat has circled ship four times): Hey, what are you doing now?

Cox'n.: Getting up speed enough to take off, sir.

—New Mex. Salvo.

What's In a Name?

Motor Cop (producing notebook)—
"What is your name?"

Speeder — "Aloysius Alastair Cholmondeley Crypian."

Motor Cop (putting his book away)
"Well, don't let me catch you again!"

—Training Station News.

Rastus says the only song his sweetie knows is "Buy, Buy, Black-bird."

—Training Station News.

THE HORSE

Oh horse, you are a wonderful thing. No clutch to slip, no gears to strip. No license buying every year, with plates to screw on front and rear. No gas bills climbing every day, stealing the joy of life away. No speed cops chugging in your rear, yelling summons in your ear. Your inner tubes are all O. K. and thank the Lord they stay that way. Your spark plugs never miss and fuss, your motor never makes us cuss. Your frame is good for many a mile, body never changes style. Your wants are very easily met: you've got something on the auto yet.

WHAT IS IT

Luke had it before, Paul had it behind,
Mathew never had it at all
All girls have it once
Boys can not have it,
Old Mrs. Mulligan had it twice in succession
Dr. Lowell had it before and behind
and he had it twice as bad behind
as before.

Answer—The letter "L"

THE SAILOR'S SWEETHEART

By H. C. Keller

Do not believe him when he says
He loves but you
And that when he's away the days
Are long and blue.
He is the Sea's and she is his
Now and alway.
Her call and not your own it is
He will obey.
He'll think of nights when warm she lay

Beneath the moon
Or cuddled in a quiet bay
She sighed a croon.
He'll see her wake with lazy eyes
At burst of dawn,
And tumble idly where she lies
Till sleep were gone.
He'll feel the kisses of her mouth
Upon his lips,
And memories will call him South
Again, in ships.
It's you not her, that he betrays,
Be warned by men:
Do not believe the things he says.
He loves the sea!

—Our Navy.

Daughter: Mother, that coxswain from the ARIZONA thinks I'm the nicest girl in town; shall I ask him to call?

Mother: No, Let him keep on thinking so.



"FOOT BALL."

The football team is now underway to what promises to be a very good and successful season. A complete coaching staff—something we have never had before is working with the men daily. To date the members of last year's team that played and defeated a team of ex-college players in a late season game last year have reported, and in addition to this group we are very fortunate in having players that have come to us from other ships. Several men who spelled defeat for us last year are now with us. Think what that alone means. Last year men were asked to come out and play whereas this year we have men asking to be allowed a chance to try out. Now stop and analyze that situation. What it means is this: we are on the upgrade with the promised land just over the crest and we are going strong. The fruit is in sight and we mean to pluck it and taste the juices of victory for a change. Its high time something was done when you consider that this ship has not scored a single touch down in a fleet game in seven years.

Now why the sudden and seemingly magical change? Is it because the men out for the team are being showed any special favors? Positively **NO**. It is because of absolute and whole hearted backing, support, and confidence—support that means the most to us. Confidence that will not be misplaced—backing that is going to shove us over the crest.

Just bear in mind that the so called "politicians" do not compose a football team. A politician can't stand the gaff. A great many rated men are on the team and there to stay and thirty percent of last year's first string have advanced in rating since the close of last season. That means that these men have not only given of their time spent for liberty for the promotion of athletics but they have been good enough and capable enough to hold down a better berth.

To you cynics who thought it was a crime and an outrage that you were not allowed liberty last year until you had attended the game first. The

SEATTLE TIMES CUP RACE

Lake Washington Thursday was the scene of one of the best Seattle Times Cup races ever held. One of the editors of the Times at the dinner at the Yacht Club for the crews after the races, said that it was the prettiest race ever held on Lake Washington. And he has seen almost all of them.

It probably can be considered a just reward for the rigid schedule of training all the ship's raceboat crews have held themselves to in the past two months.

The time for the two miles was 17 min. 17 sec. The last boat to cross the line was only 30 sec. behind the winner.

BOXING BOUTS FEATURE FLEET WEEK

One of the biggest events of Fleet Week will be the bouts to be held at the University of Washington Stadium Saturday night. The ARIZONA will be represented by Fitzgerald welter-weight, of the "B" division. Fitz has been training hard ever since we arrived at San Francisco, and is in shape to put his usual clean, hard, fight. This ship is certainly back of him.

The entries are:—

- Fly Weight—
- Defiest (W. Va.) vs Navarro (Tenn)
- Bantam Weight—
- Appleby (Tenn) vs Barraclough (Cal.)
- Middle Weight—
- Neil (Cal.) vs Waterman (N. Mex.)
- Welter Weight—
- Fitzgerald (Ariz) vs Idelcope (Md.)
- Light Weight—
- Mullen (Tenn) vs Enghan (Cal.)
- Feather Weight—*
- Noto (Miss) vs Arabe (W. Va.)
- Light Heavy Weight—
- Weber (Miss) vs Reife (Tenn)
- Heavy Weight—*
- Kostner (Md.) vs Breithenback (Miss)

team will go on record as saying you need have no fear of being forced to attend this year. We don't want your presence; its worse than none at all. There will be plenty of your ship mates who'll be there of their own accord—glad to be there to shove the team over.

There can be no question of the pre-valling spirit throughout the ship. It is just such spirit that will bring home other trophies. There should be three trophies on this ship—Gun-nery, Engineering, and the Athletic trophy. We have one, lets get the other two.

The New Mexico pulled a long, rythmic steady stroke just about a boat length behind the Colorado down to within a hundred yards of the finish line. There, much to the surprise of all hands, she made a sudden spurt and slid across the line some fifteen feet ahead of the Colorado's bow.

Our own crew under the able leadership of Chief Signalman Brown, didn't pull a first or second place out of the fight but nevertheless made a very good showing. They deserve much credit. Just watch them gang, and standby for a victory in the Olympic Cup Races in San Francisco August thirty-one.

BASEBALL PROSPECTS MOST PROMISING FOR A BIG YEAR

A call was issued a few weeks ago for men desiring to tryout for baseball, and was answered most willingly by a large number of men. We managed to get in a few days practice during our stay at San Francisco, and from the looks of things at the present time our prospects are most encouraging. We have quite a few newcomers on the squad who are showing up very well besides these men who played last year. From last years team we have such men as Wallace, Ernst, Bietka, Burwright, Statham, Mulvane, Cable, Fridler, Leek, Beasley, Wagner and Lewis. These men carried the Arizona into the finals, for the Battle Fleet Championship last year, but we finally lost out to the California after several hard games.

This year we are going to come out on top. Lets go and make the team a winner.